Adventure 21 Surrounding Braixen

Current Location

Route 8
Muraille Coast

This is a road of great contrasts, from the harsh rock of the cliffs to the soft sands of the beach.

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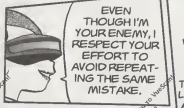
KRUNCH

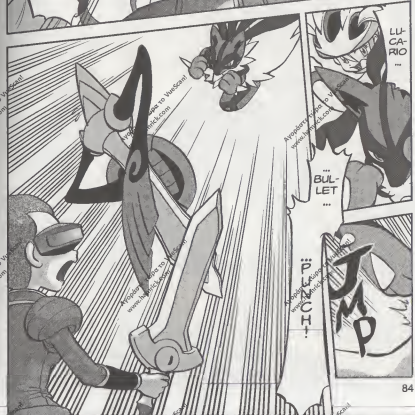

EVEN THOUGH I'M YOUR ENEMY, I RESPECT YOUR EFFORT TO AVOID REPEATING THE SAME MISTAKE.

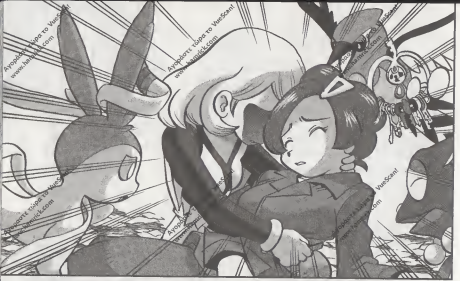
I TRAINED LUCARIO'S SPEED ON THE WAY WHEN I WAS ESCAPING FROM YOU, AND THIS TIME I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY FROM ME!
THAT'S THE MOVE YOU USED BACK IN SANDALUNE CITY! BUT IT'S A LOT QUICKER THAN IT WAS BACK THEN!

PRAISE ME!
THERE'S NOTHING NICE ABOUT HEARING YOU...

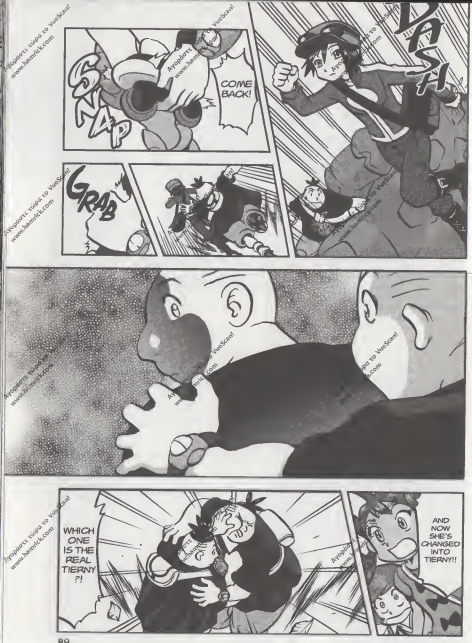
LUCARIO! KEEP PUNCHING!

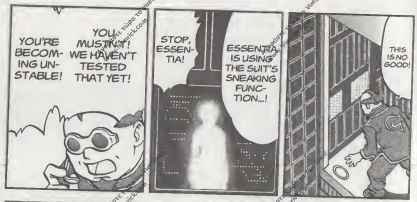
COME ON! LET'S GIVE IT...
...ALL WE'VE GOT!


LU-CA-RIO...
...BUL-LET...
...PUNCH!
JMP

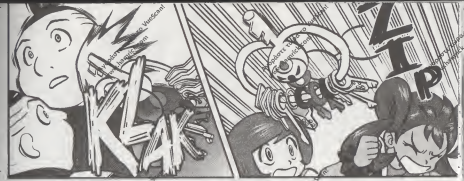

...PERFECTLY, X!
YOU JUST MET EACH OTHER, BUT YOU'VE MANAGED TO GET GENGAR TO BEHAVE...
YOU WIN!
I ASSUMED THAT WAS BECAUSE GARMA'S ABILITY IS SHADOW TAG...
THE REVENANT KNEW THAT GARMA WAS GOING TO ATTACK FROM ITS SHADOW. BUT IT WAS UNABLE TO FLEE FROM THE BATTLE.
HEH... YOU NOTICED?!
...BY ANY CHANCE?
DOES MEGA EVOLUTION CHANGE A POKÉMON'S ABILITY...
SCRAPPY TO PARENTAL BOND.
AND KANGASKHAN'S ABILITY CHANGES FROM...
MANECTRIC'S ABILITY CHANGES FROM LIGHTNING ROD TO INTIMIDATE.
WHEN GENGAR MEGA EVOLVES, ITS ABILITY CHANGES FROM LEVITATE TO SHADOW TAG.
EXACTLY!
Y-YOU...
...
TEAM FLARE!
...CAN'T ESCAPE US NOW...
WHO ARE YOU?!
YOU'RE HIDING YOUR FACE UNDER THAT MASK!
MOM!!
MOM!!
WOW!
NOT TO MENTION POKÉMON WHOSE TYPE AND ABILITY DON'T CHANGE AT ALL.
AND SOME POKÉMON CHANGE BOTH THEIR TYPE AND ABILITY.
SOME POKÉMON CHANGE THEIR TYPE AFTER THEY MEGA EVOLVE.

SHOW US YOUR FACE !!
WHAT ...?!
SHE TRANSFORMED INTO...X?!
SNAP


SNAP
COME BACK!
DASH
GRAB
WHICH ONE IS THE REAL TIERNY ?!
AND NOW SHE'S CHANGED INTO TIERNY!!


YOU'RE BECOMING UNSTABLE!
YOU MUSTN'T! WE HAVEN'T TESTED THAT YET!
STOP, ESSENTIA!
ESSENTIA IS USING THE SUIT'S SNEAKING FUNCTION...!
THIS IS NO GOOD!

...XEROSIC, SIR.
YES, SIR...
YOU HAVE TO RETURN IMMEDIATELY!
KRCKL
AND IT'S GETTING CLOSE TO THE TIME LIMIT ON THE EXPANSION SUIT!
KRCKL
RSTL
NO!
?!
WE HAVE TO GO AFTER-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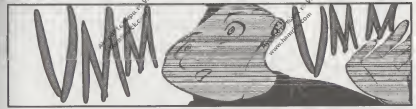
VMM
VMM

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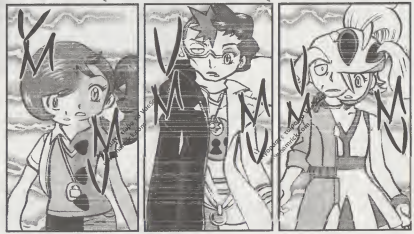
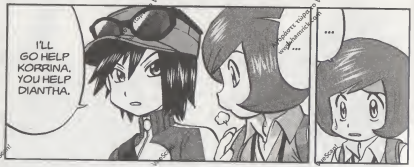
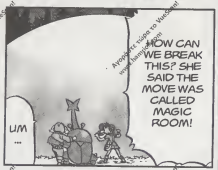
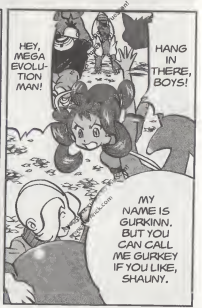


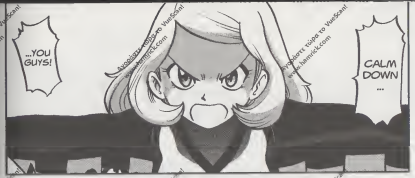

I'LL GO HELP KORRINA. YOU HELP DIANTHA.
...
...

OKAY!
GOTCHA!
I NEED YOU TO TAKE CARE OF THE TOWNSPEOPLE WHILE I'M FIGHTING.
TIERNO, TREVOR! COME WITH ME.

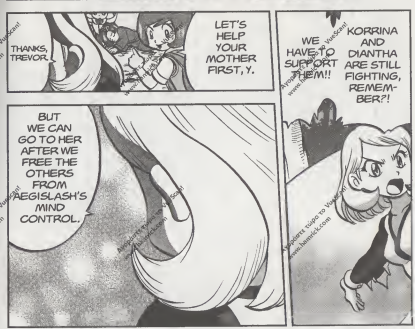

UM ...
HOW CAN WE BREAK THIS? SHE SAID THE MOVE WAS CALLED MAGIC ROOM!


HEY, MEGA EVOLUTION MAN!
HANG IN THERE, BOYS!
MY NAME IS GURKINN. BUT YOU CAN CALL ME GURKEY IF YOU LIKE, SHAUNY.

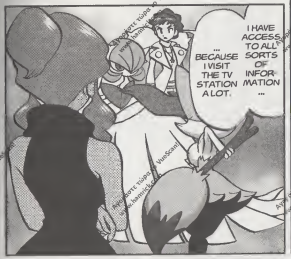
WHAT'S HAPPENING INSIDE THERE ...?!
YOU'RE NO HELP AT ALL, GURKEY!

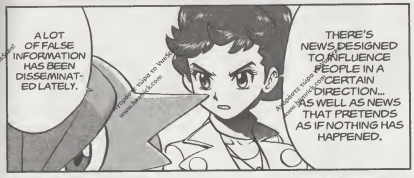

...YOU GUYS!
CALM DOWN ...

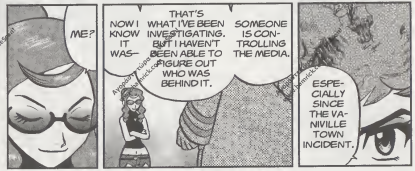
ISN'T THERE SOMETHING WE HAVE TO DO BEFORE GOING AFTER THE ENEMY ...?!
X JUST FOUGHT THE ENEMY TO FREE US!


THANKS, TREVOR.
LET'S HELP YOUR MOTHER FIRST, Y.
BUT WE CAN GO TO HER AFTER WE FREE THE OTHERS FROM AEGISLASH'S MIND CONTROL.
WE HAVE TO SUPPORT THEM!!
KORRINA AND DIANTHA ARE STILL FIGHTING, REMEMBER?!

...A MEMBER OF TEAM FLARE!!
MALVA...
YES, I'M SURE OF IT NOW.
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL! YOU'RE ALSO...
YOU WEAR MANY HATS. YOU'RE A TV REPORTER AND A MEMBER OF THE POKÉMON LEAGUE ELITE FOUR...
...THAT YOU ARE...
COULD IT BE...
THE LEADER OF TEAM FLARE!?
...TO AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF TEAM FLARE CALLED CELOSIA... SO I'M THINKING YOU CAN'T BE JUST AN ORDINARY MEMBER.
ALSO, YOU'VE BEEN GIVING ORDERS
BUT A REPORTER CAN'T CONTROL THE NEWS ALL BY HERSELF. I KNOW SOMEONE IS BACKING YOU.
NAH!
HA HA HA HA. ME? THE BOSS?

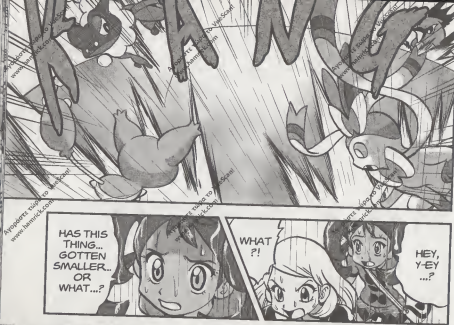

...BECAUSE I VISIT THE TV STATION A LOT.
I HAVE ACCESS TO ALL SORTS OF INFORMATION...

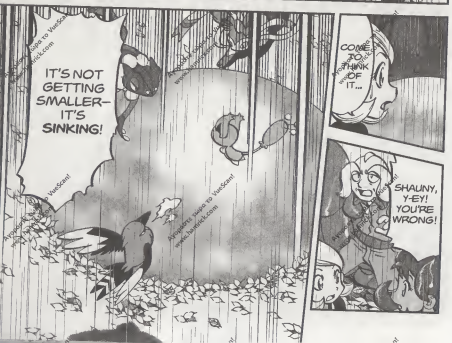

A LOT OF FALSE INFORMATION HAS BEEN DISSEMINATED LATELY.
THERE'S NEWS DESIGNED TO INFLUENCE PEOPLE IN A CERTAIN DIRECTION... AS WELL AS NEWS THAT PRETENDS AS IF NOTHING HAS HAPPENED.


ME?
NOW I KNOW IT WAS—
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN INVESTIGATING. BUT I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHO WAS BEHIND IT.
SOMEONE IS CONTROLLING THE MEDIA.
ESPECIALLY SINCE THE VANILLE TOWN INCIDENT.

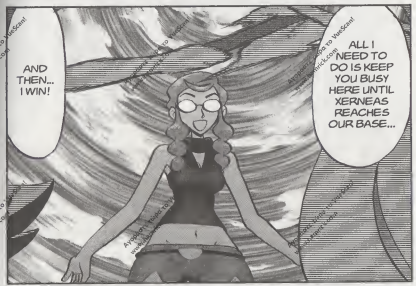
I COULD MAKE A SERIOUS MISTAKE AT A CRITICAL MOMENT IF I DIDN'T GATHER THE RIGHT DATA FIRST.
OF COURSE!
YOU USED MAGIC ROOM JUST TO FIND THAT OUT?!
FIRE SPIN!
WOOMM
...BUT AT LEAST I'VE CREATED THE PERFECT PLACE TO TORMENT YOU ONE-ON-ONE.
MY PLAN TO NULLIFY THE EFFECT OF THE MEGA STONE FAILED ...
TOR-MENT ...?
YOU'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND IT BECAUSE YOU HAD IT ALL EVER SINCE YOU WERE A CHILD!
BEAUTY, TALENT, PRAISE... LOVE.

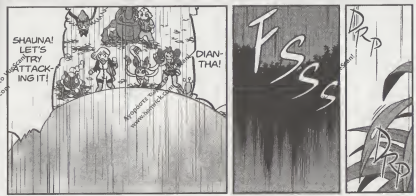
BRAIXEN, FLAME CHARGE!
WHFF
WOOSH
SWISH
MAGIC ROOM ERASES THE EFFECTS OF THE ITEM A POKÉMON IS HOLDING.
BUT ...
...IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S ERASING THE EFFECT OF GARDEVOIR'S MEGA STONE!
THAT MUST MEAN MEGA EVOLUTION ISN'T INFLUENCED BY A POKÉMON MOVE!

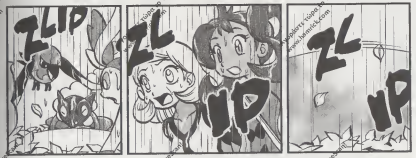

HAS THIS THING... GOTTEN SMALLER... OR WHAT...?
WHAT?!
HEY, Y-EY...?


IT'S NOT GETTING SMALLER— IT'S SINKING!
COME TO THINK OF IT...
SHAUNY, Y-EY! YOU'RE WRONG!

...DEFEAT YOU.
I DON'T NEED TO...
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN DEFEAT ME WITH A TINY CONFLAGRATION LIKE THIS?


AND THEN... I WIN!
ALL I NEED TO DO IS KEEP YOU BUSY HERE UNTIL XERNEAS REACHES OUR BASE...


SHAUNA! LET'S TRY ATTACKING IT!
DIANTHA!
FSSS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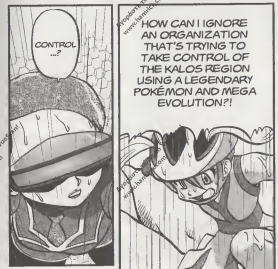
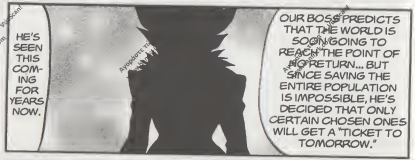
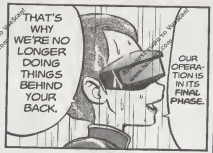
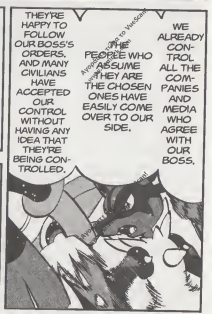

CONTROL ...?
HOW CAN I IGNORE AN ORGANIZATION THAT'S TRYING TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE KALOS REGION USING A LEGENDARY POKÉMON AND MEGA EVOLUTION?!
WHY ARE YOU INTERFERING ...
...WITH TEAM FLARE'S PLANS?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?!

WHAT?!
CONTROL OF THE KALOS REGION!
WE ALREADY HAVE ...
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?!
TEE HEE... HEH HEH HEH HEH...

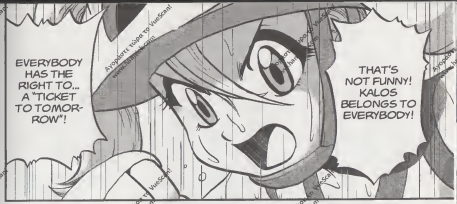

HE'S SEEN THIS COMING FOR YEARS NOW.
OUR BOSS PREDICTS THAT THE WORLD IS SOON GOING TO REACH THE POINT OF NO RETURN... BUT SINCE SAVING THE ENTIRE POPULATION IS IMPOSSIBLE, HE'S DECIDED THAT ONLY CERTAIN CHOSEN ONES WILL GET A "TICKET TO TOMORROW."

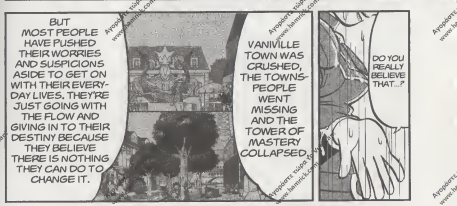

THAT'S WHY WE'RE NO LONGER DOING THINGS BEHIND YOUR BACK.
OUR OPERATION IS IN ITS FINAL PHASE.

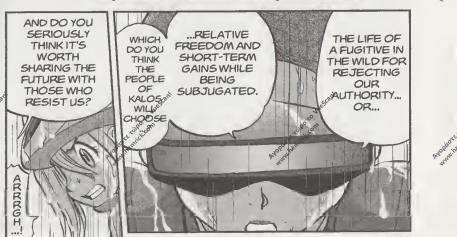

THEY'RE HAPPY TO FOLLOW OUR BOSS'S ORDERS, AND MANY CIVILIANS HAVE ACCEPTED OUR CONTROL WITHOUT HAVING ANY IDEA THAT THEY'RE BEING CONTROLLED.
THE PEOPLE WHO ASSUME THEY ARE THE CHOSEN ONES HAVE EASILY COME OVER TO OUR SIDE.
WE ALREADY CONTROL ALL THE COMPANIES AND MEDIA WHO AGREE WITH OUR BOSS.

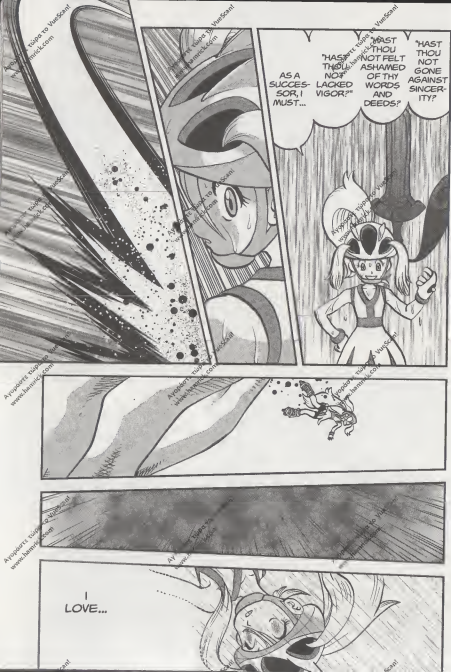
...WE'RE STILL GOING TO SUCCEED IN CREATING A WORLD JUST FOR THE CHOSEN FEW.
EVEN THOUGH, AFTER ALL, THIS TIME, YOU'VE FINALLY NOTICED AND ARE MAKING A HUGE FUSS ABOUT IT...

BUT...!
BUT...!
THE HOSTAGES WHO WERE WALKING ALONGSIDE THE TRAILER... THEY'RE GONE!
STRANGE...
HM?
LUCARIO FAINTED TOO...?
OH...!

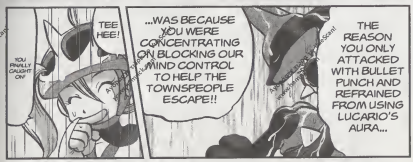

EVERYBODY HAS THE RIGHT TO... A TICKET TO TOMORROW"!
THAT'S NOT FUNNY! KALOS BELONGS TO EVERYBODY!

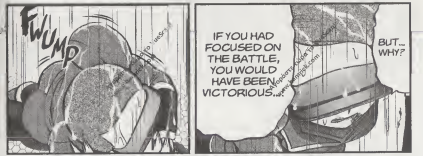

BUT MOST PEOPLE HAVE PUSHED THEIR WORRIES AND SUSPICIONS ASIDE TO GET ON WITH THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES. THEY'RE JUST GOING WITH THE FLOW AND GIVING IN TO THEIR DESTINY BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THERE IS NOTHING THEY CAN DO TO CHANGE IT.
VANIVILLE TOWN WAS CRUSHED, THE TOWNSPEOPLE WENT MISSING AND THE TOWER OF MASTERY COLLAPSED.
DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT...?

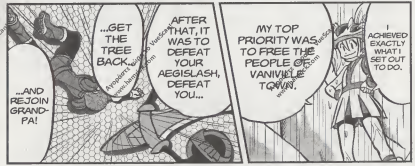

AND DO YOU SERIOUSLY THINK IT'S WORTH SHARING THE FUTURE WITH THOSE WHO RESIST US?
WHICH DO YOU THINK THE PEOPLE OF KALOS WILL CHOOSE?
...RELATIVE FREEDOM AND SHORT-TERM GAINS WHILE BEING SUBJUGATED.
THE LIFE OF A FUGITIVE IN THE WILD FOR REJECTING OUR AUTHORITY... OR...
ARRRGH...!

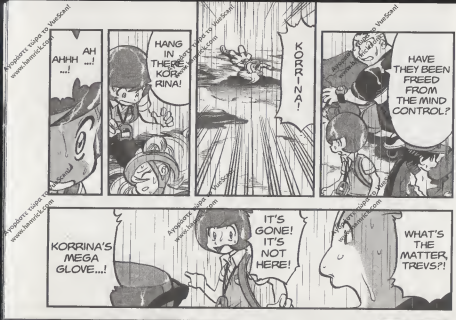

AS A SUCCESSOR, I MUST...
"HAST THOU NOT LACKED VIGOR?"
"HAST THOU NOT FELT ASHAMED OF THY WORDS AND DEEDS?
"HAST THOU NOT GONE AGAINST SINGERITY?
I LOVE...

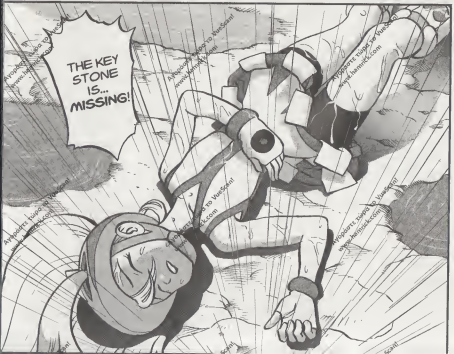
...LUCARIO'S AURA!
THE ONLY WAY TO REPEL MY AEGISLASH'S MIND CONTROL IS WITH...
I SEE...!


YOU FINALLY CAUGHT ON!
TEE HEE!
...WAS BECAUSE YOU WERE CONCENTRATING ON BLOCKING OUR MIND CONTROL TO HELP THE TOWNSPEOPLE ESCAPE!!
THE REASON YOU ONLY ATTACKED WITH BULLET PUNCH AND REFRAINED FROM USING LUCARIO'S AURA...


FWUMP
IF YOU HAD FOCUSED ON THE BATTLE, YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN VICTORIOUS...
BUT... WHY?


...AND REJOIN GRANDPA!
...GET THE TREE BACK...
AFTER THAT, IT WAS TO DEFEAT YOUR AEGISLASH, DEFEAT YOU...
MY TOP PRIORITY WAS TO FREE THE PEOPLE OF VANIVILLE TOWN.
I ACHIEVED EXACTLY WHAT I SET OUT TO DO.


AH AHHH ...!
HANG IN THERE, KORRINA!
KORRINA!
HAVE THEY BEEN FREED FROM THE MIND CONTROL?
KORRINA'S MEGA GLOVE...!
IT'S GONE! IT'S NOT HERE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, TREVS?!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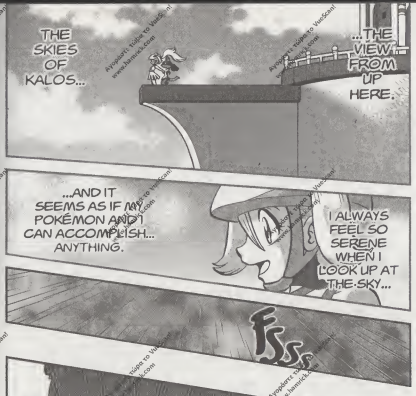
THE SKIES OF KALOS...
...THE VIEW... FROM UP HERE.
...AND IT SEEMS AS IF MY POKÉMON AND I CAN ACCOMPLISH... ANYTHING.
I ALWAYS FEEL SO SERENE WHEN I LOOK UP AT THE SKY...
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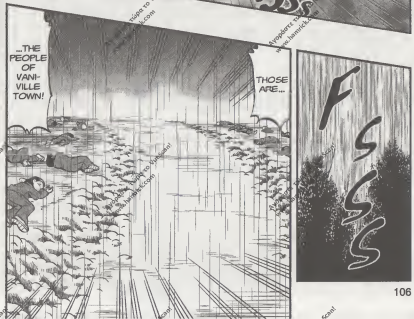
...THE PEOPLE OF VANI-VILLE TOWN!
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